

Dear Tim,

The enclosed poems are by my son, Graham, who thought you might like them.

There's also a postcard attached. If it came loose, fish around the bottom of the envelope and look for it. He says he's an old friend of yours.

SMI²LE,

Bob

Dear Timothy,

Would you agree that psycho-chemistry is the past of Neurologic and bio-feedback is its future? That's my current scanning, after a week of experimenting with a friend's bio-feedback machine. Projecting the state of the art 15 years of so, I see folks dialing very precisely exactly which of the 24 slots they want to receive or integrate signals/Gestalts through.

(Oh, by the way, I neglected to mention in my last transmission that OF COURSE I want the new version of the PT of E to work on/with, the sooner the quicker as Burroughs wd. say. Altho' I am trying to finish my current novel this month and June wd. be when I'd start on the PT again.)

I've worked out some correlations with the Hebrew letters (wonder how close they are to yours), the Gurdjieff vibrations, the kundalini chakras and various bits of Egyptian, Cabalistic & Rosicrucian lore, as well as bringing in more illustrative anecdotes etc from poetry & prose, classic and vulgar, antient and moderne... Also some correlations with the Freudian, Jungian and TA systems. A minor discovery: Crowley's notes on The Lovers card in his Book of Thoth suggests no agreement at all with our interpretation of that slot; but his notes for the same card in the catalog of the art gallery where they were first exhibited explicitly identifies the slot with analysis, science and reason.

A major discovery: Kazansakis's modern sequel to the Odyssey has the closest correlation with the first seven circuits of any book I've ever read, mystic or scientific.

I lectured on the PtofE and Terra II 3 times this week: on KSAN, at Laney College, and at San Fran Society for General Semantics. Carol Tickner is organizing the second DNA Society benefit at One World Family commune/restaurant May 24. (My kids call that place One Wierd Family. Relativity. I suppose you've heard of them...telepathic saucer contactees, vegetarians, messianic, remarkably tolerant of heresy for such types.)

Wayne Benner is one of the three brightest people I've ever met. Fuller is the third.

I'm currently undergoing acupuncture treatment for my bad (polio) leg and it is most interesting. The therapist, who is also a psychiatrist and heavy into parapsychology, is one of the free high folk and eventually, I suppose, some correlations of acupuncture with PtofE will emerge, whatever happens to my leg.

Marge King has done a brilliant paper on the use of bio-feedback in teaching scientific method to ghetto kids. All the boredom/hostility goes away and they get fascinated quickly. Nothing turns people on like studying their own nervous systems.

Alan Harrington is worried that the DNA Society will split up between the mystics who want to astrally project or levitate to galaxy central and the scientists who want to literally build the starship. Personally, I think this would be a desirable competition, and I also hope Sagan gets his

Big Eye in the desert, too. The more the merrier, I say.

I have by now thousands (well, hundreds...) of mystic and magick experiences on the subjective level ("it seemed as if...") and a few dozen objective verifications (ESP beyond chance, astral projection confirmed by people on the scene which I astrally visited, etc.) And my sympathies are entirely with the "scientific" wing against the "mystic" wing if such a division must be made. I am bored, really, with all sorts of wishful thinking, careless thinking, emotional thinking, sloppy thinking, dogmatic thinking, uncritical thinking, submissive-obedient thinking, culty thinking and so weiter. Your phrase in the Current History letter, "experimental theology," is to me the bare minimum standard that anybody should meet before talking about such matters in this day and age.

Another earthquake tremor. The great thing about living in the Bay Area is that the central Buddhist revelation can never quite be forgotten here. The reason that pacifists like some Buddhists and Sufis teach martial arts is that these disciplines tend to correct faulty first circuit imprints by SHOCK in the Gurdjieffian sense, right?

Have you really given up the theory that interstellar Higher Intelligences communicate with advanced adepts on earth, as Kesey says you have? If so, I am delighted at your continual mental growth ("the message is that the message keeps changing:" I remember) but I definitely believe in Them, whether they be interstellar or something else. The great whales with their enormous brains and no hands to mess into physical sciences might have very advanced metaphysiological sciences, it has occurred to me. My ~~own~~ own experiences to date can be reduced to new neural networks forming and projected outwards as external entities...except for one. That one had a kind of weird confirmation which keeps me very, very interested in this subject. (I shouldn't say confirmation. I should say that some elements seemed beyond coincidence or synchronicity even, and suggested another being the same way ordinary conversation strongly suggests another human and not just a mental trip. Of course we can never really prove, to the solipsist, that the other human is there...

Jacques Vallee says that recent saucer contactees in U.S., France and Brazil have all predicted the cosmic intelligences will interfere with/broadcast over earth-TV in late 75 or early 76. This is most curious to me, because my last "contact" (which had no objective confirmation and is very easily categorized as projection outward from my own nervous system) contained exactly that message, and the date October 1975. We shall see.

I daresay all this sounds gullible after my statement of skepticism above. I am skeptical-gullible, i.e. open.

Bob Newport, a psychiatrist friend, had an experience with a White Light Energy-Being recently which he described with remarkable freedom from religious or sci-fi cliché, although much emotion. I noted that one with less scientific training and more uncritical imagination could easily have described it as an angel or as a flying saucer (or as a fairy or a Bodhisattva, for that matter.)

I hope you are radiantly shining still.

Bob Wilson



Is Gerald Ford an
IGNORAMUS
or an
ILLUMINATUS?

Dear Jay,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.

The bison in our illustration is named Tennial.

He's our mascot, Bison Tennial, and also our bicentennial mascot.

It is hoped that the other enclosed matter will prove
illuminating.

S.M.I ?L.E.,

Bob W

Robert Anton Wilson

Don't Let THEM
Immanentize the Eschaton

ART'S BROTHER-IN-LAW IS WATCHING

(nobody knows HIZ name)

What really happened
in Dallas May 22, 1963?
See "ILLUMINATUS!"
From Dell in September

VOID